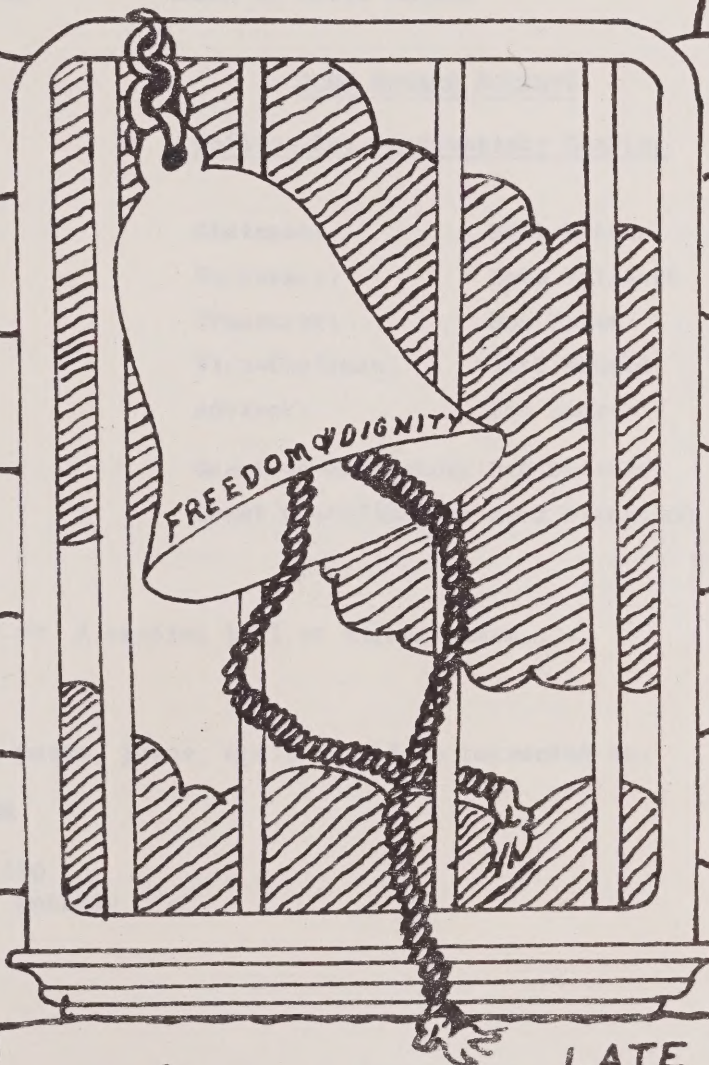


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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The amount of time allowed to pass between TOCSIN issues is a sore point to deal with. It has become an embarrassment that excuses will not eliminate. Fortunately, the C.B.I. Chapter of the John Howard Society cannot accept full responsibility for this. The many causes, situations and turmoil that effected the "going to press" are too numerous to mention; some we are unable to substantiate.

It is hoped that the issue of this TOCSIN will diminish any sense of discouragement or displeasure caused by our year long silence. Your patience with us should be rewarded - this issue has covered a broad expanse, as it should; 365 days is difficult to cover with a Newsletter, but we hope we caught you up on the pertinent issues raised in the last year.

At this particular time, we would like to respond to your patience and say thank you for not pounding on our door, as was your right being paid subscribers.

Special thanks to the many men and women behind the scenes. Authors, "think-tank" assistants and wellwishers alike, your support makes this issue possible. Without it, this wouldn't be available to read.

The future of the TOCSIN rests in capable hands, as Bob Ducette will replace my temporary position and become the full time Editor following this issue. I ask that the support and dedication extended to this issue, from both inside and out, be continued and passed on to Bob. It is only through your efforts that we can publish this newsletter - YOUR NEWSLETTER. Share that responsibility.

If we all continue to contribute in this fashion, particularly in the manner that we supported this issue, it is predicted that there will be a triumphant return of the established J.H.S., Collins Bay Chapter's TOCSIN!!!

Read on.....

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COLLINS BAY CHAPTER

JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. The abolishment of Mandatory Supervision.
2. The abolishment of all Special Handling Units.
3. Abolishment of 25 year minimum sentences
4. Against construction of new prisons.
5. Decent comparable wages for skilled and unskilled labour.
6. A more humane prison system.
7. Introduction of prison industries.
8. A more liberal parole program.
9. Introduction of effective pre-release programs.
10. Fair and equal sentencing practices.
11. Introduction of alternatives to incarceration.
12. To make the public aware of the realities of the Criminal Justice, Parole and Prison System(s).
13. To make bail a right, not a privilege.
14. To fight for prisoners rights.
15. To constantly remind everyone that we are sent to prison as punishment.....not for punishment.
16. To help all prisoners in whatever manner and way possible.

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"PREAMBLE"

As a member of the John Howard Society, Collins Bay Chapter, I hope that at the time of reading my material prior days have been contented ones and continue to be likewise in the future.

I realize matters often get us discouraged in our struggles through life. Yet the balance of the population seem eager to assume that at its worst, things outside are much better than the restrictions and conditions I live by. This in essence keep the exuberant toeing the line. They may be heard as saying, "it isn't my problem, it doesn't effect me so don't bother me about it."

We strive to make prison conditions more humane. I am under the impression that the community at large are often deceived and many just aren't educated about the actions of an offender. The majority of the people in prisons are here as a direct result of economical policies and pressures which many feel the pinch. Some more so than others and onward to the extreme of desperation.

My feelings towards those who do not recognize or possess sufficient education to appreciate the intrinsic function of a democracy need never voice an opinion on judiciary or constitutional matters. They would only wrongly inform the public and act as counterproductive strategy against the growing number of concerned people who are determined to do their part in pursuing adjustments in National Policies for the betterment of mankind. All of which will effectively reveal the inadequacies, trepidation and human degradation the present system bestows on an offender.

The offenders are "People" too!

J.H.S. Member
Bob Ducette

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"No man is so poor as to have nothing worth giving: as well might the mountain streamlets say they have nothing to give the sea because they are not rivers. Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think."

H. Wadsworth Longfellow

JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY
C.B.I. CHAPTER
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS MINUTES
JUNE 2, 1983

****This particular meeting was held in the prison gymnasium due to the size of the group on hand. Outside guests were numbering close to 25-30. All met to greet and listen to one of our most enthusiastic and loved friends, Ms. Claire Culhane.****

The meeting was opened at 8:01 p.m. Moe Lauzon, Chapter Chairman, made introductory remarks and included greetings to everyone. He then warmly introduced Claire Culhane, who was received with a standing ovation.

Claire spoke at length on various issues, most of which were relative to the abolition of prisons. In her own words, "Abolition is on the agenda and nothing is ever going to take it off." She emphasized that the majority of men and women need not be kept in prison and that one small institution could house all of those that should be. She felt that the problems with prisons are that they have grown in favour of industry. They have developed by trend and we are at the point of no return.

The fact that prisons have failed is evident. As a result, continued crime. Part of the injustice of a prisoner is that he is not being helped as a human being ought to be. This demonstrates that the present penal system offers little protection to the public and very little opportunity for reformation, a change in attitudes, values and more in relation to the prisoners themselves.

She felt that this country's treatment of people's problems was totalitarian and pathetic. Those who are unfortunate enough to find themselves in psychiatric institutions simply on a few doctors' signatures after brief interviews is an indication as to just how important it is for everyone to get it together.

The International Conference on Prison Abolition which took place in Toronto in late May was a prime example of thousands of people getting it together. Claire, who attended the conference, stated that from what she witnessed on this occasion she can see a future without the sad reality of prisons and their unjust treatment. People not kept from the very things they need for growth. That is the caring, the loving and so much more.

Needed change, abolition, everyone must spread the word around and get it together were her closing lines.

She finished speaking and returned to the head table that was standing, as was everyone else, in appreciation of her words, wisdom and, to my way of thinking, her striking courage.

Many speakers then came forward; insiders and outsiders alike, to speak on other various issues which included an overview of the talks presented to Frontenac Secondary School the day before. Mr. Terry Murphy, a law teacher at the school, spoke of the success of the event.

Following these presentations, the meeting was adjourned and everyone was invited to mingle and enjoy the luncheon.

Dave Milgaard
Secretary J.H.S., C.B.I. Chapter

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRISON ABOLITION

(held in Toronto)

Approximately 300 people attended the International Conference on Prison Abolition, held in Toronto in late May. The conference, the first of its' kind, brought people together from Canada, the United States, Europe and Australia to discuss the strategies involved in eliminating prisons.

A total of eighteen workshops were presented during the conference, along with the movie P4W, the play "Show Me The Prison" and a keynote address by Claire Culhane. Ms. Culhane, the author of "Barred From Prison", is a Western Canadian abolitionist who recently spoke at several Kingston area prisons, including Collins Bay.

The conference workshops included three major themes: Analyzing the System, How to Get to Abolition From Here; and, What to do with the Tough Cases: True Alternatives to Prisons.

Workshops on Analyzing the System examined the nature of crime, who makes the laws, who gets prosecuted and, who goes to jail. These workshops also examined the relationships between prisons and the economic system, racism and sexism. A very interesting workshop was presented on prisons as a tool of political repression by Stan Guenther and Nicole Daignault. Ms. Daignault is the lawyer who successfully sued the prison system for \$18,000 over an involuntary transfer.

The second set of workshops covered various strategies that could lead to prison abolition. A very interesting workshop was given by Claire Culhane and an ex-prisoner, Rod Boisclair, on civil disobedience. Participants related their own experience with acts of civil disobedience and discussed how its' use can increase public awareness of the injustice of prisons.

The third set of workshops looked at alternatives to prisons and how to restructure society so that it provides economic and social justice for all.

Abolitionists believe the criminal (in)justice system and its' prisons were designed to enable the powerful to control the poor. They also believe the premises used to justify prisons have been proven to be myths or out and out lies. These myths include: prisons deter crime -- they don't; prisons rehabilitate prisoners -- they don't; and punishment is an effective way to control behaviour -- it isn't. Since prisons do not accomplish their stated goals and instead, turn out people who are more angry and more likely to commit crime, abolitionists believe that prisons should virtually be eliminated and replaced with community based alternatives. These alternatives include restitution to victims and community service. However, for those who are truly violent, some form of restraint is still necessary. As Claire Culhane said, it is likely that only one institution would be required for all of Canada. The place of restraint would not rob a person of his or her pride and dignity and would not be a centre for punishment. In the long run, abolitionists would like to create a caring, just society, where people would not grow up in a world full of violence--legal and otherwise.

The first International Conference on Prison Abolition will not be the last. A second conference is being planned to take place two years from now in Europe.

Michael Crystal
Kingston John Howard Society

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J.H.S. PROJECT TO GET OUT AND TELL IT LIKE IT IS

I recently had the privledge of being part of a very worthwhile project. We put together a project that might help keep some of the younger generation from making the same mistakes in life that we did. We made the people in Kingston area realize that we might be able to keep the younger generation from ending up in this place. After much effort, we got three prisoners from our Chapter approved to go out to the Frontenac Secondary School in Kingston to speak to the students. An accomplishment that we are quite proud of and that went over very well.

The subjects that we concentrated our talks on were; drugs, alcohol, the importance of education in todays society and, more communication between parent and child. The four spokespersons were Moe Lauzon, Jimmy Jones, Jimmy Cavanaugh and myself, Nick Malham. The only spokesperson not from our Chapter was Jimmy Cavanaugh and we are very grateful for he spent part of his own pass to come and express his feelings after spending 19 years in this system. Willie Gladu, head of education here at Collins Bay, expressed his view of the necessity of education and told of how the guys in here realize the need.

The media covered this event and they said you could have heard a pin drop in the assembly while we were talking. Never were truer words spoken! These kids listened to every word and you could see in their eyes that it was not going in one ear and out the other. We spoke to over a thousand people and explained what was fact. Most of what we said touched home. We were young once and did the same things the kids of today are doing. The main point is that many activities start on a small scale and increase to more dangerous things. For example: with drugs we see kids wanting to experiment and then wanting to try the heavier drugs until they finally reach the stage where they're taking them cause they're hooked. Or with alcohol: kids want to drink for all the wrong reasons. To be part of the gang, or to see if they can drink more than the next guy, or just to be cool. All of which is wrong! I said that if you have to do drugs or drink just to to be part of the "boys/girls" and your so-called friends don't like you the way you are, then they were never your friend in the first place. Be your own person and not a follower. The last point I tried to get across was about all these so-called friends that want to get high or drunk with you; they forget who you are when you're in trouble or the chips are down. We hear it everyday, about how many friends forget them or you when you enter a prison. That includes myself.

The talks went well. The school had a hotdog luncheon with proceeds to benifit a transportation service called, CONVOY. They supply rides for families and friends of prisoners in local institutions.

After lunch we went to different classrooms and let the kids ask questions which they were a little shy to ask during full assembly. Many of the questions were just out of curiosity, but there were many sincere questions as well. The impression I was left with was that none of those kids wanted to EVER end up in a place like this. If we only got across to one student that may have been a future prospect for this system and helped change his or her lifestyle then I would consider it a success.

In closing I have to say that I personally received much satisfaction out of that day. I did something from the heart, not for glory or money, but something that I know could be beneficial to some kid. This project will be a continuous

project with our Chapter and we plan a follow-up program where kids can write us if they have a personal problem and prefer to talk one to one.

Nick Malham

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THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND

As long as there has been crime, there have been ways of prevention, or so the theorists might have it. While society continues to pay less attention to the real cause of crime (pernicious unemployment, radical oppression, etc.) the experts come along regularly with some "new" technique to deter the criminal. Robert A. Lee, an associate Professor of Sociology at Camino College, California, has advanced the latest miracle cure.

Lee proposes a "reversible cornea operation". How would this work? By using some formula, criminals deemed harmful to society; would be blinded, the cornea removed and released back into society. After ten years, or so; if their behaviour was found acceptable, they would have their sight restored. In a burst of logic befitting this proposal, Lee notes that; "The violent crime rate for blind people is extremely low".

He never mentions the possibilities of the cruel and unusual punishment. Perhaps he was relying on a Supreme Court ruling which does not find that life in prison for larceny is cruel or unusual. Nor did he consider how people who were blind from birth or by accident would feel about being mistaken for violent criminals. With his scarlet letter plan, Lee concludes that the hostilities generated from involuntary loss of freedom would be minimum and the specter of a bestial public would be mollified.

With suggestions like this from the "experts", the specter of a bestial society seems the least of our worries.....

(In ancient Rome, slaves were punished in their bodies, citizens were punished in their property.)

M. Kay Harris

Special thanks to Ms. Claire Culhane for forwarding this article to the J.H.S. TOCSIN Newsletter. Proper credit to the author of this article we are unable to provide - we've no idea who wrote the above, nor do we know where it was first printed.

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"It is not the lofty sails, but the unseen winds that move the ship."

INSIDE LOOKING OUT

To observers on the outside, the purpose of prisons is to keep criminals on the inside. To the prisoners themselves, prisons are for other things: to kill time, to learn, perhaps; above all, to wait. Life behind walls may be harsh and occasionally dangerous, but it is primarily boring, the undemarcated succession of hours in which the dreariest routines must either be given some importance, however contrived, or be ignored entirely through an effort of will or imagination. Many prisoners conclude that the experience of prison makes someone other, or worse than, himself. Perhaps. Surely it makes one different for the time he spends in prison. For a year, or two, or fifty, life consists solely of repeated details, the slamming of gates and cell doors and the constant fathomless solitude that accompanies such a life. The normal reality of prison life is, of course, calmer than depicted by modern media coverage, (sitdowns, riots, assaults, murders, etc.) but no less extraordinary. These are societies made up of people who have robbed, attacked and murdered other people, after all and, those who oversee them. No world we could compose could be anything but bizarre.

The odd thing to contemplate is that these bizarre constructions are the handiwork of the society to which we stand as outcasts. Monsterous as they appear, they belong to the recognizable world of a civilizations institutions just as the men and women they house belong to the world of those they violated. These people are separated entirely from those who observe them. But it is chastening to realize that the life we lead is no less real to us than life on the outside, nor is our world less human for being locked away.

Prisons have failed. But at what? What are prisons for?

Layman and professional alike, the answers rarely vary. Punishment and rehabilitation.

Punish criminals by putting them in prison? For how long? In what kind of prison?.....

Prisons effect punishment. But the punishment provided ranges from the purgatorial to the hellish. Prison is a place where all but a few personal choices and pleasures are denied. The experience of a given prison is indiscriminate: the car thief endures the same, day by day, as the LSD wholesaler and the habitual stomper of schoolchildren.

Any prison will punish. Some people fear that prisons are now too "cushy"; so spiffed up that chastisement is nullified. But the "Country Club Prison"???? This elusive myth is ridiculous. What has been noted is that prisons provide no more than plain deprivation of freedom, which is quite severe all by itself.

You take away a persons freedom, you take away everything.

"MY FREEDOM".

The abstraction sounds palpable.....There's lights on all the time..... There's no such thing as quiet.....Privacy only another seven letter word that no one seems to know about.....

The essence of prison life is that it is boring, boring by definition and by design. A prisoners' day can be spent productively - a queer industriousness to be sure - or endlessly loafing.

In permissive visiting rooms the look is such that it reminds one of a junior high-school make out party where they forgot to dim the lights: dozens of couples hugging, smooching, oblivious.

Conjugal visiting between prisoners and their families (spouses), the innovation so often cited as humane (alarmingly), are permitted in but a few of this country's institutions. More typical of prison permissiveness is allowing Playboy pinups in cells and unlimited seconds of Wonderbread in the jug lines.

Prisons did not work out as planned. Punishment. At that, prisons have easily succeeded. All the more so in a country such as this, with its' lust for liberty, for room to move. By locking a criminal away the community receives retribution as well, a theoretical function of the Canadian penal system. Prisons also keep criminals off the streets, for a while. Yet oddly, this most successfully realized purpose - plain detention - has been usually regarded as (almost) incidental to prisons higher, far more problematic purposes. The loftiest and most desperately sought after of these is rehabilitation, originally to be accomplished by religious conversion and later, by psychology.

No one really knows what rehabilitation means. No one has ever figured out a way to impose anything like prisoner rehabilitation. This is not an advocacy to the end of the programs of rehabilitation (per se). Education and work programs are important, just as clean sheets, decent food and fair treatment are important. But that's not what prisons are mainly about. Prisons have been proven to be uncongenial places for moral improvement yet no one in the higher echelons of administration is ready to stand up and admit to the folly.

Riots: A spasm of violence at a particular prison, epidemic madness at another, each explained away as a technical error: the cellblock configuration was wrong, the recreation policy too lenient. Prisons are a mess, but they may not be irretrievable. Rather, a new set of sober hopes is required. Prisons can be made clean and safe and fair and they can be used more judiciously; decent prisons for what society considers its' most indecent members. Or, as the movement now calls for, prisons can be abolished completely - a concept that is not without merit, or support.

Prison overcrowding.....

Public outcry for harsher penalties.....

Allocation of funds for more prison construction.....

Space is becoming a problem.....

Prisons are expensive (embarrassingly so) to build.....

So, why this call for a new Youthfull Offenders Act, with it's allocated (requested) budget of a preliminary \$99 million for the construction of maximum security institutions for our nations 16 & 17 year olds? Who will administer this new bureaucratic creation - how many jobs will be created for the unemployed at the expense of our sons and daughters lives?

Let's stop this monster in it's tracks. It's a matter of dollars and cents, they say. I say, let's make it a matter of dollars and SENSE! 16 & 17 year old youths in maximum security institutions..... Not much hope for a future in that.

Even if this countries leaders and citizens decided that it was fine to cut Costs by giving prisoners gruel and just enough space to brood lying down, the Federal judiciarys notations of decency would no longer permit them to do so.

In short, there is an upper limit to how much imprisonment citizens will underwrite, despite the talk of cracking down on criminals. Besides, who are these notorious villains? Children developed in a world of greed, fostered by parents and model roles who try to achieve the highest possible standards at the expense of family unity?.... or, who's parents are just trying to cope? Entrepreneurs have now made it virtually impossible for a child to enjoy the freedoms we experienced as youths. Parks now request admittance fees - to be caught not paying means a day in court for trespassing. The world a child is free to grow in is ever decreasing - he now has to pay for his/her formative years and is thrown to the wolves if he/she cannot do so. So they steal and get thrown to the wolves anyway. In this case - the wolf is the system that perpetuates itself (guaranteeing job security) at the expense of the children. Other criminals? Citizens, out of work, trying their hand at thievery to feed the hungry at their tables? Why the

imprisonment spree now? Citizens have reached a critical level of panic at what "they FEEL" is a constantly lurking threat - no thanks to the efforts of an exploitative media and the ever increasing hunger for power from our bureaucrats and politicians. Clifford Olsen is but one - let's not panic at the thought of "all" the others just waiting their chance at repeating his performance, so carefully covered by the press. Monsters of this calibre are a rarity, but there is an impending threat as the system grasps for more power: Their answer to today's problems.....MORE POWER. Power built this system and added power created the opportunity to perpetuate it. Should we really give them what they ask for? This attitude "if I don't do it, somebody else will" has to go. Citizens MUST become assertive and accept more responsibility. Civic duty includes the responsibility of raising our young in socially acceptable manners. Why are we allowing our "leaders" to raise our children?

There is only one direction in which the prisoner can evolve - that of increasing artfulness. In the hothouse atmosphere of his social environment he cannot escape this fateful transformation of his character. The once youthful optimist begins to feel his claws growing, a furtive, dejected, impudent and servile look creeps into his eyes. Jesuitical, his nose pinched and sharp, his nostrils dilated and bloodless; his knees sag, his arms grow long and dangle gorilla like. Those who uphold the THEORY OF RACE and deny the influence of environment on the development of the human should spend a year in prison and observe themselves daily in a mirror. This is your child we're talking about.

That's punishment? Society's answer in the name of justice? It's no small wonder that we aren't worse than we actually are. This demigoddery and deification that citizens heap on our leaders and bureaucrats leave no room for respect.

There must be fairness and strictness to criminal justice. Detering crime is a murky business, but it can work well if the sanctions threatened are credible, consistently applied and within societies means. The certainty of punishment is more important than the length or severity of the punishment. Equity and equitable administration of justice.

Kaplan's S.S. squad? Interesting to say the least, but how much longer must or WILL we submit to an arbitrary system designed and flaunted as the panacea to all criminal behaviour and civil disobedience? The enforcers of the law above the law? Think about that! This major dichotomy must be corrected before its' implementation, if there is to be fairness in the system - AND throughout the country itself.

There is a broad expert agreement that a large percentage of people going to prison do not deserve that special bruising. Like war, imprisonment should be a governments last resort.

Canadian prisons are modelled after the U.S. system, which initially began as the ultimate social experiment. Places established where lapadaries of the soul would smooth and polish criminals. Under what conditions? Inside locked catacombs, filled to overflowing with prisoners wrenched from their families for years, all overseen by men with searchlights and rifles. Imprisonment is any societies darkest chore; none yet has made the dramatic step ahead and made that admission.

Miracles should not be expected, whether miraculous reformation of prisoners, or miraculous control of crime. Prisons are for temporarily isolating societys' worst marauders. It is as simple and as complicated as that. Still, a nations institutions, they may also be made safer and more decent, just as this nations whole criminal justice system can be made more coherent. Imprisoning people less shamefully is a worthy enough goal.

CHESSMAN: "it seemed to me, just as it seems to my kind, that society was simply trying to strip or rip off my shield; that it was willing to do so ruthlessly, that it didn't care about me personally, or the amount of humiliation

or degradation it might inflict in the process. I stubbornly balked at being manipulated, regulated, or being compelled to conform blindly through fear or threat of punishment, however severe. Indeed, I came to question the validity of a society that appeared more concerned with imposing its' will than in inspiring respect."

The alternative to a Herculean prison construction jag is to do a better job deciding who should go to prison and for how long. Lowered expectations need not signify a national moral bankruptcy. For the Canadian justice system as a whole, a deep breath and a sigh may be the beginning of a long overdue maturity.

Steve LaPlante
J.H.S. Member

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DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong as they sometimes will
And the road you're trudging seems all uphill
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile but you have to sigh
When care is pressing you down a bit
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its' twists and turns
As everyone of us sometimes learns
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out
Don't give up though the pace seems slow
You might succeed with another blow

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victors cup
And he learned too late when the night came down
How close he was to the golden crown

Success is failure turned inside out
The silver tints of the clouds of doubt
And you never can tell how close you are
It may be near when it seems afar
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit
It's when things seem worse that you musn't quit.

Author Unknown

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REPLY

TO

"UNSHACKLE THE PAROLE BOARD"

In a recent editorial, "Unshackle the Parole Board" (Sun. May 29/83), Solicitor General Robert Kaplan was urged to "...permit the parole board to make the call on all prison releases." It appears that this particular editorial was written without the benefit of all the pertinent facts. Perhaps you'll accept some views from a prisoners perspective.

There was a time in this country when a prisoner serving a penal sentence was given - by law - what was termed Good Conduct Remission. This meant that a prisoner could possibly earn (and EARN is the operative word here) up to one third of his total sentence in remission. Of course, Institutional disciplinary offences, etc., caused a loss of G.C.R. and was therefore an incentive towards good conduct and attitude. In turn, good conduct and attitude while in an institutional setting were considered to be two of the essential building blocks of self-rehabilitation. (Apparently this is no longer so in the self-perpetuating prison system that uses public monies to institute already failed programs while scrapping the less costly programs which have had a tremendous success ratio; ie: the post-secondary education program which Mr. Kaplan, being the straight shooter he is, personally shot down.)

When the Mandatory Supervision program was instituted, to all intents and purposes, it replaced the G.C.R. program to this extent: where a prisoner who has earned any G.C.R. was once given credit for that earned remission and released free and clear, he is now compelled to serve his G.C.R. on parole.....with parole restrictions. So now, with such restrictions, the ex-prisoner can be returned to prison without ever having committed a second crime. Yet your editorial advocates giving more power and control to the National Parole Board whose power and influence in the last fifteen years or so has grown to the point that they can hardly be challenged by the highest courts of this land.

Your editorial also indicated that approximately 50% of all those released on the Mandatory Supervision System are returned to prison before their MSP has expired....40% for breaking the rules and about 10% for having committed another crime. Doesn't that suggest anything to you? What of that 40%? They are being returned to penitentiaries for reasons that have nothing to do with criminal activities. Any of the following are some reasons for revoking ones' parole, Mandatory or otherwise: owning a car without permission, getting married or having children without permission, suspicion, association, having a drink with your meal, going for a drive in the country with your family, etc., etc., etc. These are offences which are not in the criminal code and no-one but an ex-offender can go to jail for them. This is tantamount to separate laws for those with prior conviction. Is this what more power to the parole board means? Is this what you are advocating?

Yes, you are right; the public must be protected.....but from whom? I seem to recall a report which William Outerbridge once wrote for the State of California on their Mandatory parole program. That report soundly denounced the M.S. system and as a result, California abandoned the program. This is the same William Outerbridge who now heads the National Parole Board and was instrumental in bringing Mandatory Supervision to Canada. How can this be justified?

Should some naive, tax-paying individual have the colossal gall to demand justification, then some gruesome incident such as the Clifford Olsen case is sensationalized. What percentage of prisoners make up the Olsens of the system?point 1%.....point 2%.....certainly less than 1%; and, in the meantime, the Hon. Mr. Kaplan scraps the tried and proven educational program while Mr. Outerbridge presses on with his proven failure.

In Canada, the statistics on M.S. were always a foregone conclusion and the whole program served no useful purpose except to expand the powers and bureaucracy of the National Parole Board. If, as you suggest, about 40% of all M.S. releases are returned to prison for breaking the rules (but not the law) it costs YOU, the taxpayer an average of 35 to 40 thousand dollars per year to be saved from what? Why are all these men being put back in jail? Coincidentally, or by design, the revolving door syndrome is perpetuated by our decision makers who think that \$1,500 per university course is too much to pay out for prisoner rehabilitation and public safety. Also, (coincidentally or by design) this same revolving door syndrome virtually ensures job security for a whole host of people at a time when unemployment is at an all time high. From this perspective, M.S. can be considered a phenomenal success.....after all, who gives a damn about a convicted felon?! Once a criminal, always a criminal, right?

Instituting a mandatory parole program in this country was deceitful from the beginning and it should be abolished. Good Conduct Remission should be re-instated. The National Parole Board, instead of being enshrined and deified, should be made accountable for its' decisions and policies. They are human beings, not Gods and the public interest is not necessarily the sum total of thier motivation.

Brian (The Crow) Daley

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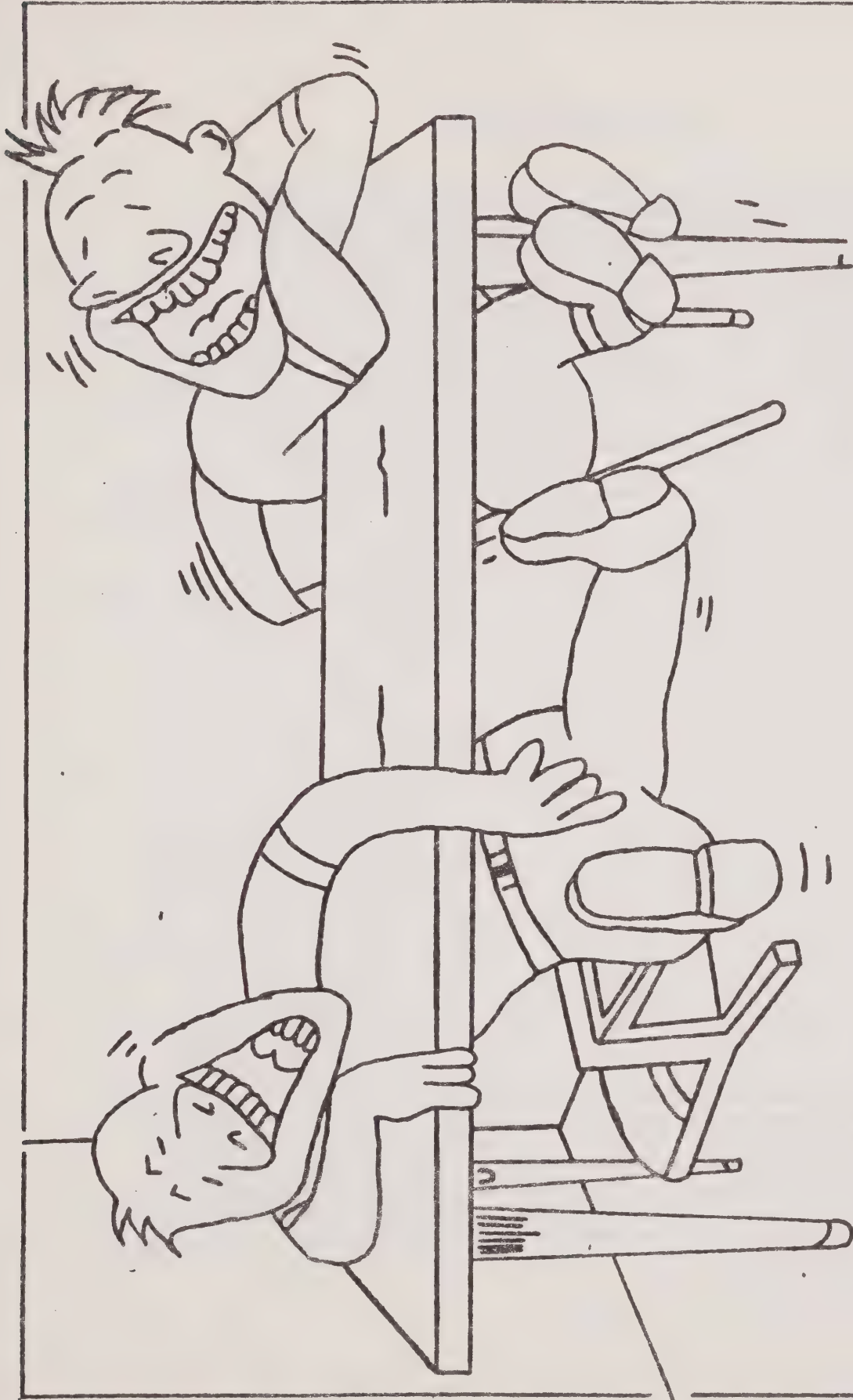
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My Love,

When I'm alone inside my cell
and the silence goes undisturbed;
My imagination can easily reveal
your warm and sensuous curves.
As the fiddler plays
And the lights are dimmed;
You whisper in my ear.
Two hearts beat together;
The closer the better:
Wish you were here.

Bob Ducette

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We Have Read Your Parole Plan And
Are Giving It Serious Consideration.

JOHN HOWARD SEMINAR

On June 25, 1983 a seminar of the John Howard Society took place in the Protestant Chapel at C.B.I. The purpose of the seminar was to educate the outside John Howard members as to the views and feelings of the prisoners of C.B.I. in regards to recent pertinent issues in the penal system of Canada. Such issues included; S.H.U.'s, Gating, Double Bunking, C.S.C. volunteer screenings, and post-secondary educational cuts. Along with these issues, there were talks given in other areas of concern to prisoners including; Family Involvement in the J.H.S., In Which Direction Is The J.H.S. Heading, the School Awareness Program, Pre-Release Program, and two interesting areas of concern from the Prison for Women, namely the Satellite Program, and a general interest discussion on Unique Programs Affecting Women. A grand finale and recapping of the days events was left to past Executive Director of the J.H.S. and present J.H.S. Ontario member, Geoff Dubois.

The days events started only fifteen minutes late, that in itself an accomplishment, with some thirty-five outside members and approximately sixty-five prisoners of C.B.I. in attendance. Guest speakers included Graham Stewart, Executive Director of the J.H.S. (Kingston), Marjory Hilderly and Liz Elliot of the Elizabeth Fry Society, and Geoff Dubois. Speaking on critical issues of concern to all prisoners were Ronnie Lauzon, Dave Milgaard, Gary Sargeant, Jimmy Cavanaugh, Steve LaPlante, Co-Chairman Jeff McLeod. and Chairman Nick Malham.

Larry Hurren acted as Master of Ceremonies on the day, and called the seminar to order along with a big round of thanks for all in attendance. Larry then introduced the first speaker of the day Ronnie Lauzon to talk on family involvement in the J.H.S. Ronnie started off by noting that it was one of the larger seminars in recent memory, and extended his appreciation to all who chose to attend. Ronnie went on to say that family involvement is a pertinent point in regards to the helping of prisoners. Prisoners themselves should encourage their families to take advantage of the J.H. programs, and in turn the J.H.S. should actively seek the the membership of family members in constructive programs directed towards their loved ones incarcerated.

Jimmy Cavanaugh then took the podium to speak on a crushing issue in the Canadian penal system today, S.H.U.'s. What better man to talk on an issue than one who has actually experienced the injustices of such a depraved existence as the S.H.U. Jimmy went on to ably explain how in the S.H.U. there are no functions such as the one that we were all in attendance of. The vulgarities of life are omnipresent in the S.H.U. So much

so that if one thinks that general populations are tense, they are nothing in comparison to the pressure cooker atmosphere in the S.H.U. This particular type of incarceration meets no ends whatsoever. The only end that is met is the need of security, in the administrations eyes. However, the psychological damage that is done to the human beings in the S.H.U. far outweigh the need of such stringent security.

Jimmy spent two years in the S.H.U. before paralysis took its toll on him. He pointed out that most of the men in the S.H.U. are deemed to be leaders in the general populations, therefore, in the S.H.U. with so many diverse personalities and outspoken opinions there is bound to be disagreements of ideas and philosophies, all lending credence to the pressure cooker syndrome of which only a man who has experienced it can understand.

When entering the S.H.U. prisoners are not told how long they will have to spend in the S.H.U. In effect, it is a short life sentence of sorts because when entering no one can see any light at the end of the tunnel, and hope most certainly does not spring eternal. When one is supposedly released from the S.H.U., it is to another maximum security institution in another part of the country. The idea here being that the prisoner is to be immediately reintegrated into the general population. This of course, does not always happen. It is up to the discretion of the Institutional Warden, and usually he will have the prisoner segregated. So in effect, the prisoner now is doing "hole time" instead of S.H.U. time. Jimmy ended his talk with an appeal for the resocialization of S.H.U. prisoners and for someone to show them some concern and care.

Gary Sargeant then took the podium to give a talk on gating. Gary started off by explaining that Canada was a nation of laws which are interpreted by bureaucrats. If the law is not black and white he said, then that leaves room for the bureaucrats to interpret the law in any manner which they choose. Such is the case with gating. Gary told the seminar that in effect gating is double jeopardy. When originally sentenced, the judge did not sentence the prisoner to an indeterminate sentence, he sentenced him to a period of years, which upon fulfillment of the penalty the prisoner is to be released. However, now the administration says he has not fulfilled his sentence because he is thought to be dangerous. Usually this dangerous label is obtained through rumour and innuendo, has not much merit, and for all intense purposes is invalid. To say that a man when entering prison is not a dangerous offender, then classify him as such when leaving prison does not say much for the state of the penal system of Canada. Gary ended his talk by asking where it would all end. He thought, and rightfully so, that it was time to wake up the Canadian public and educate them as to

the police state that is forming under their noses.

Next on the agenda was J.H. Co-Chairman, Jeff McLeod. Jeff had been asked to speak on double bunking and the ramifications of such a state of existence. He pointed out that there is a type of prisoner alert system in jail, and how that once one cell is double bunked the whole population is on a state of red alert, which can obviously lead to some disagreeable situations. It was made clear that the double bunking issue was only a stop-gap measure, Jeff likened it to trying to stop the flow of blood from a severed hand with a band-aid. It was pointed out that directives indicate that there should be a minimum of sixty square feet of space per cell, per prisoner, which of course double bunking would run afoul of.

The issue of prison overcrowding starts at the judicial level. Judges are handing out longer sentences, and for less serious crimes thusly leading to increased prison populations, and that is to say nothing of the mandatory supervision laws. The prisons in Canada are full to capacity with no alternate plans for any new general population prisons to be built. There are more S.H.U. being built, and no doubt those beds will be filled regardless of the situation, of course leading to the problem that prisoners in the S.H.U. ought not to be there. Along with double bunking comes a whole host of new problems stemming from the surge of prisoners. Not the least of which is prison unemployment. Contrary to popular belief, prisoners do wish to work while incarcerated; it is the main way of staying sane in an insane world. Due to the recession which has gripped the country, it's ramifications have also fallen upon the industrial ends of the prison system. Presently, of a general population of 450 at C.B.I., there are only some 375 jobs to go around. Needless to say, the added influx of prisoners would create unemployment of a devastating nature. The administration would also have you believe that only new prisoners would be double-bunked in a type of reception range. It is newcomers who have the hardest times with gaining employment and it is the unemployed that security locks up during work hours in lieu of employment. This, in turn would mean that prisoners would be double-bunked, remaining in their cells all day long, as well as at night. Any course studies, or self-betterment programs would in effect be rendered useless by the idiosyncrasies of each, not to mention the daily process of expelling body waste and the effects it would create on the unsuspecting cell-mate.

Jeff went on to offer solutions of alleviating the overcrowding situation by suggesting that camps could become a larger factor in the plight of an inmate, not to mention the obvious answer of more paroles. Mobile homes, quonset huts, etc., could be employed at camps for prisoners with just 3-6 months left in their sentences before mandatory supervision. This alone would alleviate some 10-20% of the overcrowding situation. As Co-Chairman of the J.H.S. Collins Bay Chapter, it was Jeff's job to introduce the first guest speaker of the day, Mr. Graham Stewart, Executive Director of J.H.S. Kingston.

Graham was scheduled at the seminar to speak on the direction of the J.H.S. in the near future. He stated that no-one really

knows exactly what that means, but that there was definately a disturbing trend in the public forum asking for and receiving longer and more stringent incarceration. He also felt that the government is using the term "cost effective" as too much of an overgeneralization in regards to the cutting or negating of programs for prisoners. It was pointed out that it appears as if there is going to be more prisoners and less public support in the near future. The public opinion being what it is, generally would lead to a greater divide between liberals and conservatives, thus leading nowhere except towards a greater lack of communication. There is a distinct possibility that many agencies including the J.H.S. may become more divided in that their particular chapters may become more autocratic and each specific J.H. Chapter may be pressured into greater community service as opposed to a more far reaching eclectic point of view. Graham stated that it is and always will be the duty of J.H.S. to think of the prisoners in the system and the betterment of their particular plights. He then finished by espousing the opinion that groups such as the C.B.I. J.H. Chapter will have and should take a much greater active role in the future.

Two interesting ladies from the Elizabeth Fry Society were next, Marjory Hilderly and Liz Elliott. Marjory Hilderly began by talking about the new Satellite Program that has been established for the women from the P4W. The program consists of an apartment for women on paroles or in lieu of half-way houses and is used by both federal and provincial prisoners. Types of prisoners which are deemed most desirable for the program include lifers, prisoners with extended sentences in general, deportable cases and the likes; so there is really a broad target area. The rent is directly porportional to what the prisoner is now making on the street. The federal government has allotted money for the program so there is a firm backing as such. There are curfews while living there, however, they are quite reasonable; midnight thru the week and 1:30 on weekends. Overnight visits are open to the perusal of the shift supervisor, not a bad deal though as the supervisors are the programs' initiators themselves. The apartments are all one bedroom and offer a foot in the door to the street at a reasonable rate of rent and standard of living. Marj emphasized that this is a new program and has met with no stumbing blocks as yet. There is room for expansion of the program and it appears so far as if indeed there will be expansion of this constructive program. The Elizabeth Fry Society offers the Satellite Program and Marj makes no bones about the fact that it still is in its' formative stages, but appears to be on the road to success.

Next up was Liz Elliott to talk about unique programs effecting women. Liz, also of the E. Fry Society, found this topic somewhat ironic because she really couldn't grasp on to too many unique programs which effect women in the Canadian Penal System today. Nevertheless, Liz went on to say that all women are sent to the P4W from all across Canada thus causing huge break-ups of families. In Quebec the provincial government has been trying to keep its' federal women prisoners in the province and of late, there has been an agreement between the federal and provincial governments to keep federal prisoners in provincial jails on a per diem basis. The trade off for this was that now provincial institutions may send prisoners to the P4W if they are deemed to be potentially dangerous or whatever other reason may crop up. It was noted however that this program of late has been starting to fall apart. Back to square one.

Liz said that there is one program offered by Bath Institution that a handful of women participate in. That is a microfilming course which some 5 or 6 women derive benefit from; good but still not enough. She finished her talk by stating that the P4W is a multi-level security institution, women can be reclassified at different security levels but still must go through the same doors daily.

Dave Milgaard was next on the agenda and spoke about the state of C.S.C. volunteers. Dave pointed out that there is a new screening system being implemented by the administration to orientate new volunteers attending volunteer groups in the regional penitentiaries. Dave has kindly donated his speech verbatim to this issue of the Tocsin and can be seen elsewhere in this issue.

Collins Bay John Howard Society Chairman, Nick Malham had the spotlight next. Nick was speaking on the high school awareness program that was such a huge success. Nick, Jimmy Cavanaugh, Jimmy Jones and Moe Lauzon went to the Frontenac Secondary School to speak to the students about how they felt the students might avoid finding themselves in the position of becoming incarcerated. From all indications the program was a huge success. The guys gave up time from their own passes to speak to two assemblies of approximately 300 students per assembly. The days activities were on the T.V. news in both Ottawa and Kingston and there have been numerous inquiries as to when the guys or other cons can get out to engage themselves in public speaking events. Job well done fellas!

At this point, Nick Malham adjourned the seminar for one hour of lunch. A barbeque had been set up outside and there was also plenty of cake, ice-cream and pop to go around. The assembled were called back to their seats at one p.m. and the seminar resumed. The first speaker of the afternoon was Ronnie Lauzon.

Ronnie spoke on the recent cuts effecting post-secondary education. He explained how the Solicitor General had allowed the contract to Queen's University expire. Queen's is the supplier of university tutored courses in the Ontario region. However, the sweeping education cuts take place all across Canada and are not restricted to one particular area/region. It was suggested that denial of a university education is denial of due process in that it is everyone's right to be entitled to the opportunity of securing a university education regardless of the circumstances in which he or she may find themselves. University courses have changed peoples' lives and ways of thinking, not to mention how a university degree can assist in securing employment (better) and negate some of the stigma attached to being an ex-convict.

An argument was put forth espousing the case of a man that has been incarcerated, gone through his elementary and high school education and now wishes to go even further in his pursuit of an education. All of a sudden he can't; this is obviously not a comfortable situation. The Solicitor General says that the post-secondary educational program was not cost effective; his figures of \$800,000 for the program, Ronnie said seemed a bit high, but even at that price, the cost to the Canadian taxpayer was still less than one cent per citizen, per year.

Education is an avid means of staying sane and alert while in prison. A means of which a great many prisoners choose to utilize. It makes prisoners more goal oriented and certainly changes their thinking processes. The fact that recidivism rates are in the neighborhood of 14% for prisoners who have taken just one post-secondary course as opposed to the usual 65% should be enough in itself. To see the negation of these

courses just goes to show where the C.S.C.'s priorities lie. Such a program which can have such a positive effect on recidivism rates and then be quashed clearly shows that there is no emphasis on rehabilitation, only on warehousing. The savings from the number of prisoners not coming back to jail due to a post-secondary education far exceeds the money it costs to impliment these courses. In conclusion, Ronnie made a plea for the outside J.H. members to take this pertinent issue back to their chapters and see what kind of a push they could give the issue in as far as the reinstituting of these extremely beneficial courses.

The final prisoner speaker of the day was Steve LaPlante, Chairman of the J.H.S Pre- Release and Awareness Program. Steve was there to speak about this program offered by the J.H.S. There is an article outlining this program elsewhere in this issue of the Tocsin, so there is little need to repeat it here. Nevertheless, Steve gave an able talk on the program, who it's for and how to become involved.

Geoff Dubois was the final speaker of the day. Geoff gave thanks to all that put the seminar together and also thanked the prisoners for all their enlightening information. He ended the seminar so that all participants could retire to workshops outside the chapel to reexamine and discuss all of the key issues of the day.

The day ended at three p.m. and there were words of success from everyone. The outside members all felt that they were more informed now then they were before they had attended the seminar. The members of Collins Bay J.H. Chapter were all sufficiently satisfied that they had met their ends, as well. Special thanks should be given to all the workers that helped to put the chapel together for the seminar and a big round of applause should go to Nick Malham, Jeff McLeod and Larry Hurren for organizing the 4th Annual John Howard Seminar.

From all indications, this was the biggest and best seminar to date and there is great hope for a bigger and better seminar next year.

Thanks again to the John Howard Society, Collins Bay Chapter, as well as the many outside members who attended this event.

J.A. McLeod, Co-Chairman
J.H.S. Collins Bay

WORDS

Our shelter is an everything
stretching like a wholesome feeling
silently situated in the beauty of growth.

We are brushstroked surface folks (ponded rushes)
happily wind webbed and winnowed
to the point of exhaustion.

Our clearest horizon can be likened to touch
is never lost or left behind;
for a gentle awareness breeds in all of us.

David Milgaard

J.H.S. Pre-Release & Awareness Program

Life skill courses are essential tools for prisoners who wish to get out and stay out. Unfortunately, like everything else that proves successful, this program was withdrawn from C.B.I. not that long ago - for budgetary reasons. Realizing the need for a continuation of this type of program, the C.B.I. Chapter of the John Howard Society established and successfully implemented a program that is now known as the John Howard Society Pre-Release and Awareness Program.

The J.H.S. Awareness program differs somewhat from an actual "Life Skills" program, in that we are self-lead, self-motivated and garnished with a host of civilian volunteers who share their specific area of expertise.

The J.H.S. Awareness program is developed and designed to be educational as well as informative. It hopes to foster a positive and constructive attitude towards oneself and those around him/her.

By becoming more aware of yourself and the contributing aspects of incarceration, we hope to learn the most essential aspects to gaining and maintaining release with the proper use of resources and aftercare. The group includes a mixture of values, knowledge and skills.

The skill sessions and role playing sessions are designed and structured to help the prisoner gain a greater understanding of how he presents himself and how he relates to others. These skills are essential to both pre-release planning and to post-release success.

The group is structured around a schedule of approximately 20 weeks, allowing for holidays the actual length of any one group is 16 weeks. The group is limited to 15-17 prisoners as well as one inside Co-ordinator. As well, the outside Co-ordinator, Mr. Jim Simmons of J.H.S. Kingston, ensures that a compliment of 4-6 full time volunteers take an active role in the group.

The 16 weeks of group involvement sees and hears from many other volunteers who come in to present their specific topics. These include; Goal Setting, Half-Way Houses, Friendships & Relationships, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Employment Planning, Employer/Employee Relationships, Personal Management, Budget Setting, Parole Board and Parole Service Presentations and a mock Parole Hearing/Role playing session.

As Chairman of the past two groups I can speak and qualify the importance and success of this program. Voluntary participation on the part of interested prisoners (no-one is compelled for ANY reason to attend), peer leadership rather than C.S.C. or professional leadership and the absence of having to be conscious of budgets (there isn't one) all contribute to the successful completion of this program for those that attend. The prognosis for future success in this area is excellent.

Steve LaPlante - Chairman
J.H.S. Pre-Release & Awareness Program

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Correctional Services of Canada

Volunteer Issue

The Correctional Service of Canada came out with a policy statement of more than a year ago that supported community volunteers coming inside prisons.

At this point someone decided it was necessary draw up some Commissioners' Directives to shape the things to come. Graham Stewart, the Executive Director of J.H.S. in Kingston became concerned about the interpretation of these directives; an example area was the screening of visitors....who would do this and what of the criteria etc.

At this stage of the game C.S.C. was putting together a set of divisional instructions, but after a long period of time these instructions were sent back to their originators because they were too complicated.

It was around March of 1983 that a new set of these divisional instructions surfaced and a copy was secured for our chapter. As a result of the content and direction of these instructions, this issue became a concern of importance for all groups. Just how important becomes apparent when terms like "correctional auxilliary" are being considered by the C.S.C. in the implementation of their program. Use your own imagination and develop a scenario for the future volunteer visitor...The C.S.C. application, an introduction course...is it available?...how often? Consider some of the methods that will be used in shaping the direction of the "Auxilliary". What reports do the visitors make; what types of assessments are expected of them?

Now please tell me what the hell happened to the individual that wanted to come inside to simply help another human being or the visitor that comes in to get a handle on what's happening inside these places.

The orchestration by C.S.C. of the volunteer visitor program through a method of Commissioners' Directives and divisional instructions not to mention institutional implimentation has done a complete 360 from the initial policy statement.

To date, through the efforts of our Chapter, Graham Stewart, Gordon MacFarland and Jim McLatchie....J.H.S. locally, regionally and nationally respectively, the divisional instructions have been amended to say any group with volunteer visitors that has its' own orientation program (like the one we have in Kingston) need not comply with the C.S.C. program.

To my way of thinking, I must say that if C.S.C. can afford to play "policy ring around the rosey" until someone can clarify things for them from a prisoners viewpoint, it certainly demonstrates waste. It also demonstrates that we can get things done at interesting policy levels.

June 22nd, 1983

Written by...Dave Milgaard
Secretary J.H.S. Chapter
Collins Bay Institution

AN INTELLIGENT IDEA

I attended the annual J.H.S. seminar here at Collins Bay Prison last month and was most impressed by the guests and the topics they chose to speak on.

The most impressive and interesting, in my opinion, was Liz Elliott of the local Elizabeth Fry Society, whose topic was the subject of the Satellite Project that they are instituting in this area, for the benefit of the Ladies at the Prison for Women.

This project is without doubt, the most logical and by far, the most beneficial undertaking that I have as yet heard of for the gradual release of prisoners.

The object of this program is to first secure the release of prisoners from their prison to the half-way house downtown, assist them in obtaining employment and encourage them to save their money. After being employed for about six months they will then move into an apartment of their own with the parolee bearing most of the cost and Elizabeth Fry assisting them if need be. By doing this the Elizabeth Fry Society are realistically assisting the offender to re-integrate into society and become productive citizens.

Without a doubt, this is a worthwhile and constructive step towards the rehabilitative process of the person. It must give the parolee a feeling of independence and achievement which most other programs succeed in taking away.

It occurs to me that in most cases these apartments could very well be the only home that these people have ever had that they could call their own. Surely, it would have to instill pride and the feeling of ownership into the parolee.

Apparently, this program is not as costly to the tax payer as half-way houses and therefore should certainly attract the attention of the money controllers of the Penitentiary system. Not to mention the humanitarian aspect of good people being put back into the community where they of course belong.

Knowing the advantages of this program, one would think that the Government would be more than eager to expand this program as quickly and as widely as possible. That is if the Government truly desires the rehabilitation and the integration of offenders back into society while saving tax payers money. It goes without saying that the members of Collins Bay J.H.S. congratulate Liz Elliott and her co-workers on this ingenious and most worthwhile project. It is a certain way of solving a situation for all concerned, saving the taxpayers money and instilling pride and motivation into the parolee.

HOWEVER because this program makes so much sense, it makes me wonder how many years it will take your organization to cut through the inevitable red tape before your incredible program will be fully implemented beyond the experimental stage??

Bob McDonald
Prisoner C.B.I.

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LURE OF THE TROPICS

Now son, you've come down to the tropics,
Cause you heard all you had to do
Was sit in the shade of the coconut tree,
And let dollar bills roll into you.

Well, they told you back in the States,
So let's get the statistics straight
But first let me tell you what it did to another
Before you decide your fate.

You don't go down with a hard sharp fall,
You just sort of shuffle along
And lighten your load of the moral code,
Till you don't know right from wrong.

Well I started out as honest, with everything on the square,
But a man can fool with the golden rule, in a crown who don't
play fair.

I pulled my first score in a town called Guala near a silver Inca mine,
But before the hounds could track me down, I was in the Argentine.
Made unafraid by a kindly aid, as drunk crazed brutes swept down.
And left in a scavanged, smoldering mass, a once flourished bordering
town.

But the things that will double bar my soul,
when it flops on Heaven's door,
were peddling booze in Santa Cruz
and Winchesters' 44.

Well I took a charge of a smugglers barge,
off the coast of the Yucatan
And I went to hell off Crystal Bell,
in a struggling hurricane.

I got to shore on a broken oar,
in the filthy screaming dark.
But the other two of the good ships' crew
were converted into shark.

I flagged a skiff from the island cliff,
with a salt soaked pair of jeans
And worked my way, for I could not pay,
on a freighter to New Orleans.

Now it's kind of a habit in the Tropics,
And it gets you worse than rum
You get away, you swear you'll stay,
But they call, and back you come.

It was six years before I was back on the job,
Running a war in San Salvador, with a black faced, bare footed mob.
I was General Santiago's right hand man, the head of a great revolt.
My only friend from start to end, was a punishing army colt.

I could have been a President,
and a prosperous man of means.
But a gunboat came and spoiled my game,
with a hundred lousy Marines.

I sunk as low as a man could go,
when he walks with an empty purse.
And worked all day for that hard earned pay,
and went from bad to worse.

But the stars, they say, shine by day,
When you're down that deep dark pit.
And my lucky stars found me there,
When I was about to quit.

Alone in the dark and all but dead,
I was down with the yellow-jack.
When along she came and found me there,
cared for and nursed me back.

The tenderness in a young bronzed face,
for hers was the blood of kings.
And her eyes they shone of empires gone,
And her lips spoke of worldly things.

We were spliced in a Yankee meeting house,
In the land of old Uncle Sam.
And I drew my pay from the U.S. of A.,
for I worked on the bolder dam.

But the devil sent his right hand man,
as I should have expected he would.
And with a long, thin knife, he took her life,
though she was straight and good.

Inside me, died all hope, honour & pride,
Except the primitive will.
To seek him in blood red tracks to find him,
and to kill and kill and kill.

Over checkered swamps and logging camps,
I trailed him many a moon.
Till I found my man in a long pit tram,
At the edge of a blue lagoon.

The chase was over at the furthest shore,
the end of a two year quest.
And I left him there with a vacant stare,
My Jimcrow in his chest.

So, you see, the test of a man is the fight that he makes,
And the zeal that he will daily show.
The way he stands on his own two feet,
And takes lifes' numerous blows.

For it is easy to smile at the end of each mile,
When the world goes along with a song.
But the man who is worthwhile is the man who can smile,
When everything goes dead wrong.

Now you see these tracks in my arm, but do you want to know what it means?
Now you might say that it's worse than the booze,
And it's possible you are right.
But at least it keeps the things away that come screaming in the night.

Now there's a homestead down in old Maine Town,
with around the gate.
Northwinds whisper what might have been,
but the truth has come too late.

I've only a week to live,
well a week or a month is all the same.
For I haven't the heart to play a part,
At the end of a losing game.

Anonymous

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"Most people are mirrors, reflecting the moods and emotions
of the times; few are windows, bringing light to bear on the
dark corners where troubles fester. The whole purpose of
education is to turn mirrors into windows."

Sidney J. Harris
(on education)

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Relish the present - challenge the future - edit the past.

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PRISONERS.....AN...UNTAPPED RESOURCE!!!

It is well time that the Canadian public realize that the solution sought to combat the staggering escalation of both adult and juvenile crime (if you will remove your blinders) can be found and put to fantastic use, within our Federal Prison System! Not all Federal prisoners are Clifford Olsens! The plain truth is that very few of those animals are held here in captivity. On the other hand there certainly are a greater majority of men and women that could easily function if placed back into the social fabric. Prisons in our country today represent and reflect the general character and personality of our government and society.

Canada, with the highest records of prison costs (\$720 million for the fiscal period 1979-1980 & 1981-1982 fiscal period - \$934 million) violent and non-violent recidivists, prison populations, federal and provincial prisons, planned new prisons, length of sentencing, prison riots and dehumanizing violence and conditions, has more prisoners (based upon the ration of person per capita than any other civilized country in the world!!) It is TIME that we--like it or not--face the truth. Our PRISONS are a GIANT failure!! A total and ugly useless embarrassment that should cause even the most conservative minds of our nation to hang their heads in SHAME! We call ourselves a CHRISTIAN COUNTRY! We think highly of ourselves as being CIVILIZED!! Yet...what we allow and turn vindictive hearts, minds and eyes away from...seeing and feeling, will one day soon convict and sentence each of us before our living and very real GOD whom does command us collectively to FORGIVE and to LOVE one another.

Thousands of almost normal human beings, your parental and native sons and daughters, are forced each year into the steel-jaws of the man-made monstrosity that society has built as its escape from having to deal and work out problems that every society in the world both past, present and future, have been faced with. The figures that this article has touched upon and your daily newspaper should be sufficient for you to realize that this MONSTER that you've created to protect you from the ugly truth of a society that has tipped the scales in moral decadence, itself, has become your greatest danger!! Like a giant OCTOPUS...its'slimey tentacles already spread through the foundations of our society. Smothering us with its' filthy spoor and devouring our youth as fudder. Only to spit it out into your community after it has sucked the life and humanness out of each.

Yet, while this Monsterous Octopus goes about its' ludicrous lust for the blood of our youth and gorges itself on your tax dollars and economy, you, the Canadian people, generously welcome the Beast into your community to lay more and more of its' filthy eggs!!! O'Canada, WAKE UP!! Stop playing NIMROD...and sacrificing your children to this beast that plays god in our nation by perpetuating itself upon the fears and the blindness of a people that the TRUE GOD has greatly blessed and prospered until it too sought after false gods. Look at the trash and filth that you place before the growth of your children as obstacles!! Divorce, pornography, moral decadence, drugs and alcohol, rejection, toys in place of love, money in place of time with Mom and Dad; abuse after abuse you place and pile upon their shoulders while you teach them - "Do as I say, not as I do!" How can a child grow to be normal in the framework of a society that itself is being far from normal?!!

Prisoners are identified with, by the youth of today, primarily because the youth fully realize that these men... (if they can be trusted) hold the answers and the truths for which their real troubled lives are searching.

Groups like the JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY CHAPTER at Collins Bay, who have already proven that they can be trusted to inform and council today's searching youths, are developing fantastic diversion programs to help your youth stay out of prison!!! There are many more as well, that like the John Howard Society (Prison Chapter), are gearing (seriously) their efforts towards reaching through the barriers of juvenile delinquency, to reach the hearts of TOMORROWS FEDERAL PRISONERS...and convince them to turn back NOW!! Anyone that has witnessed the impact and effect that our prisoners have upon these youths must stand up and rally your communities into ACTION!! Start by turning your local prisons into tools that you can use to help your youth understand.

Every school and church in your community should begin to demand that QUALIFIED FEDERAL PRISONERS be allowed to come out of prison under escort, or otherwise and teach your youths the plain truth about prisons. Demand from your politicians that they open your and our prisons up and utilize the potential of many of the sincere men and women that will gladly work with you to reach the lost children and help them find their way back into a family relationship with those whom they love and who love them. Prisons, in general, can and should be converted into centres with men who already are motivated and are or can be trained towards playing long term roles in this field. Many hundreds of prisoners need only to have their own self-esteem and self-image reinforced by a society that is prepared to forgive them and help them restore their dignity in providing them with the opportunity to prove that they are useful. That they are able to be productive. We are not talking here about the few hardened criminals that must be kept in some form of segregation for the betterment of all. But only those that we know are capable of functioning in the community, if even on a gradual release plan.

Prisoners could be utilized in almost every aspect of diversion. With follow-up programs that could consist of multiple wilderness academies, specifically set up and supervised by using professional people and the many displaced staff that would result from stopping this monster in its' tracks!! These WILDERNESS ACADEMIES need not be looked upon as pro-prison in any way. Instead, like most academies, they could and should be designed for the proper development of character and personality. These prisoners could be given a large part of the responsibility in the daily operation of these academies and our present juvenile delinquents, destitute and homeless children could be developed into decent, law abiding citizens. Productivity would be the result of such an endeavour rather than non-productivity and human waste.

Prisoners could be permitted a great deal more freedom and allowed to live among their own families, who could also play a very stabilizing role in the prisoner participation and provide these men and women with the personal encouragements they also require in their lives.

The J.H.S. Prison Chapter....are already sending their members out into your schools to speak to your children. In the same prison there are even more groups that are ready to do the same, but are also right now preparing their members (through professional training programs) to actually gear them into a career in counselling youths.

O'CANADA.....WAKE UP!!! Your children only reflect the corruption and deterioration of a society founded under GOD...and under HIS principal and example of family. When this principal is interfered with, changed and rejected, as has happened on an ever increasing scale in our country, then you must reap what you sow!! FAMILY, FORGIVENESS, LOVE OF GOD, SELF AND NEIGHBOR...are the Keys to solving the problems that you are trying to hide away inside the dehumanizing BELLY of this BEAST! Most of our prison doors can be opened wide...if we use forgiveness and love as the keys. Prisoners can be diverted into the greatest diversionary force this country will ever see!!! The fruit and the season for drastic change is ripe...it is time to abolish and do away with this false god that has deceived and robbed us of so many of our children. That promise to continue...and continue...and continue, until its' spoor has engulfed you and there is no escape from the sucking grip of its' tentacles.

This author has stated that most of the prisoners in this country are almost normal. What each of that class lack can easily and cost effectively be supplied if you the public would stop hating us for reminding you of how dismal a failure your prison system has turned out to be. Then begin forgiving and loving and utilizing us in the role of restoration of the norms from which our society was rooted. Certainly we are a rebellious segment within society, but what is that which has brought us to the point where we have rebelled? Do you still wish to believe that as each of us were growing up that we received the proper kind of training, motivation, encouragements, love and family fellowship? That we were not greatly exposed to the abuse and frustrations that come from being made to feel rejected, uncared for, inferior, unloved and destined to lose throughout our lives? Have you not allowed these concepts and emotions of self to be drilled into our young brains out of your own failure to take seriously the responsibility of raising a child in the necessary environment of love as well as discipline? If you can accept this truth and not try to hide it behind prison walls as you have done, then you are already on the road to recovery of the moral and Christian nature essential to being civilized. Now read with open hearts and minds. What great potential lays waiting to give itself and change the fate of thousands of youths that otherwise are the next generation of Federal Prisoners!!!

NOBODY...can rightfully tell someone what the dangers of mountain climbing are except a bona fide climber. Society can and rightfully should post laws and signposts, but only the man lost and dying of thirst in a desert can rightfully convey our emerging, exploring youth of the perils that lurk in wait of our prodigal children. Of the struggles and the despair to survive a totally hostile and foreign environment. There exists no greater than...LIFE EXPERIENCE!!! There are HUNDREDS, possibly THOUSANDS of men and women that are rotting away in our prisons that have this vital information and who you can motivate and organize into the most powerful tool one can have to combat the deception and mirage that prisons are not so bad! Men who have been through these HELLS and survived are the greatest resource that you have available to convince your youth that prisons are a place and a way of life to avoid at all costs!!! That they must turn around and try harder to overcome the obstacles that life puts in their paths.

Prisoners have the unique ability to truly understand the problems and crisis that these youths are going through and are not able to openly discuss with their parents or other authority figures, since by that point in life they honestly do not trust in the judgement and council of such figures simply because of authority, particularly parents who do not live the tenants in which they preach. Instead, these to a large degree, quite often reflect the opposite to our children who watch and learn from those responsible for training and teaching them.

Don't wait until your child's name is replaced by a prison number before waking up!!! Organize your prisons now and through the process, you will not only have saved many of your youths from prison, but you will have gone a long way towards having stopped.....the spread of the BEAST!!!

Erin M. Walsh
J.H.S. Member

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THE MAN IN THE GLASS

When you get what you want in your struggle for self
And the world makes you king for a day
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself
And see what that man has to say

For it isn't you father, or mother, or wife
Who judgement upon you must pass
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the one staring back from the glass

Some people may think you a straight shootin chum
And call you a wonderfull guy
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest
For he's with you clear up to the end
And you've passed you most dangerous, difficult test
If the man in the glass is your friend

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years
And get pats on the back as you pass
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

Author Unknown

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THE CHOSEN FEW

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but
what you can do for your country."

John F. Kennedy

-OR-

"To you from flaming hands we throw the torch....."

As everyone knows the Canadian economy is rocky. But, as everyone doesn't know, a total collapse is being averted through the efforts of a dedicated group of Canadians. Little is known about this closely knit and largely ignored group of patriots. But these people contribute more than anyone else to the economy of this great nation.

Does the average Canadian appreciate the sacrifices of these people? No. Oddly enough, their rights are taken away and they are reviled in the press. For their efforts they receive nothing other than the clothes on their backs and the food in their stomachs & \$1.60 a day.

In spite of this degrading treatment, my colleagues and myself listened sympathetically to the cries and pleas of our prime minister on television last October. Trudeau as you remember, spoke to the nation of the need for self-sacrifice and co-operation among all of us.

But, unlike most Canadians, we felt secure, maybe even smug in the knowledge that we are at least doing our utmost to keep the wheels of middle class Canada greased.

Who are these unsung heroes? We are the convicted criminals who are now the very foundation of the Canadian gross national product.

How so?....you ask. Let me explain.

Years ago, our country was founded on the fur trade....lumber....uranium.... etc. But these natural resources have been exploited to the point that supplies are exhausted. Canada had no choice but to turn to its' rich human resources to give employment to all the unemployed graduates of high schools and universities.

The Canadian convict population ensures jobs for judges, court clerks, police, prison guards, classification officers, probation officers, parole officers, lawyers and their collective secretaries. Consider as well the money spent on social workers, welfare officers, psychologists, school teachers, doctors, nurses and, construction workers; to name but a few. And where would the Canadian pulp and paper industry be without the paperwork generated by filing up a convict file?

Now this list could go on; the government makes sure that so many are employed that the economy will not self-destruct, ever!

But, we convicts feel that we have carried a disproportionate share of the economic burden for too long.

Don't get us wrong. We're not trying to shirk our duty. But we wish to hold our children again and have a Sunday dinner with our families. But we can only do this with a clear conscience if we are assured that the prisons remain full. Without them, we are in big trouble.

So' I would like to make a modest proposal to the 20 million Canadians outside these walls. Take up some of this patriotic burden yourselves. Give to your country - help us carry the load.

Those of you who wish to give of yourselves more than most and are undecided how to give, may I suggest that you.....knock off your neighbor. It may sound a bit extreme but take a minute out of important time and think about all the people you will be helping out, compared with the few that will suffer. This would be the greatest sacrifice that anyone could make in Canada. The price is high: It will cost you 25 years of your life. But the benefits stretch far beyond the prison walls.

First, the victims' family will get criminal compensation and perhaps a pension. If that falls through, there's always welfare. That's not all... The victim's family would be sacrificing one of their loved ones - the ultimate sacrifice for the Canadian economy. And then there's you,.... Do you realize just how many people would be employed to look after your needs? You would be joining the ranks of the biggest industry in Canada. As long as people are locked away, we'll continue to keep the economy afloat through these trying times.

If you are a wee bit selfish and don't wish to give the next 25 years of your life for your country, then perhaps we can get you to stick up the corner variety store down the road. Perhaps you'll pick up a couple of years and maybe you'll be the first one on your block to entirely give of yourself. They should award you a plaque.

What about your children? You could put them into training schools, then on to reform schools and finally, the ultimate in institutions the Federal Penitentiaries. Now that's planning for the future! Over the years you can sit back and reflect on the sacrifice you and your family have suffered through for the good of your country.

Is there no limit to how much one man can give? They would put you in the newspaper! The bigger the crime, the bigger the time and the bigger the press coverage! There you go... You'd be employing more people right there; I know the reporter would be happy to get "the scoop".

Just think. You could go to the Chapel in here and tell the Lord you did what you did for the good of your Country, clearing your conscience.

Not to mention the coming out party your family will have waiting for you when that day finally arrives. You could be curled up on the couch one night with your lady, sipping some wine and the cops can come busting in just to lock you up again for drinking while you're on parole. Yessiree, you could be giving again. Look at it this way: two bits for the price of one in a Federal Penitentiary! All those people you'll keep employed!

Not to worry, you can always appeal your charge; now we're talking BIG BUCKS! Speaking of "big bucks", did you know that for the fiscal year 1979-1980 that it cost taxpayers \$720 million(!) to house us and that's not to mention welfare, the cops, the courts, etc. We are easily a billion dollar per year industry. It's nothing to be ashamed of. We are a labour force like no other in the history of Canada.

If you do decide to join our ranks we can not give you any guarantees that you'll be going home again. However, we can give you a personal promise that you'll have a life of misery, loneliness and physical and mental abuse.

You can't get in on the ground floor, but you can get in.

Mr. Chuck Smith

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Happiness is a slice of life - buttered.

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Only your best is good enough. Anyone can do just enough to get by. The real satisfaction in life comes from knowing you've set the highest possible standards for yourself and lived up to them.

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P R I S O N

(ITS' PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS)

Prisons have succeeded in its' endeavour to keep offenders aware that crime is a socially unacceptable behaviour. It also has a high rate of achievement when considering the psychological changes forced on the incarcerated, (the conditioning process) a slow but ever progressive developmental pattern.

In the past years I have had dreams (perhaps nightmarish in a different light) where many end; having been made aware, even in a dream state, that I am still a prisoner. The relentless routine forces the mind to accept its incapacitation to such a degree that it becomes seated into the subconscious.

Example: I could be dreaming that I'm playing pinball, or pool, or even on a fishing trip with my sons. Where or when remains unclear, yet in my dreams I would be alert for the guards. My subconscious would not allow me to be totally free. I would be made aware that I should not be with my sons even in a dream.

Yet another example: I could be dreaming of entertaining a beautiful woman but the intinct never reached the point of gratification. Sub-consciously aware that sex to the point of intercourse is non-existent. (At least among us straights)

This form of conditioning does not erase itself upon release. It goes along with you. Should you find yourself waking up in the mornings once at liberty and you're not feeling so rested, here is a possible thesis as to why: The mind will adjust, or readjust to almost any environment, be it healthy or not.

After a period of incarceration where activities are constantly dictated and pre-determined, the mind has become conditioned to expect or more so, to accept this lifestyle.

The sub-conscious mind constantly revels in thought and seeks to remedy your daily animosities and/or periods of excitement. (Penal psychologists have found no accurate measurement to determine the degree of stress in prison) Once released from prison, the sub-conscious has yet to accomodate the change, although the conscious individual knows he is at liberty. As the conditioning of prison life is a progressive change, so does it apply to the reconditioning in a free environment. However, there becomes a combination of forces demanding reasoning from the sub-conscious. It must deal with daily difficulties as in "stress" (which we all have in the free world) in conjunction with the reconditioning process of being a free person.

Should you lose patience with your wife and family, your best friend or employer; don't believe you're losing your marbles. In most instances there's a conflict between the conscious mind and the sub-conscious which has yet to be rationalized. Which, in time, it will.

When will society stand up and be accountable for its' role in the judiciary? People realize that the effects of prison creates undo stress, both during incarceration and for a lengthy period of time after release. It would seem that very little credence is placed with the science of psychology. Yet decisions and life standards have been moulded from such a science and various others.

Prisons condition people to prison life and the resulting psychological effects require liberal avenues for healthy reconditioning and reintegration with society.

The John Howard Society of Collins Bay advocates that social reform will result in a more just and humane method of dealing with an offender. We invite your correspondence and/or attendance at any of our weekly Thursday evening meetings to share your opinions on various "Prison vs. Society" issues.

J.H.S. Member
Bob Ducette

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DANCE A SKYWARD DANCE

As the morn closes
 out the night
in the softest feeling
for a tired companion

like a windswell of
 carriage
I dance a skyward dance.

I seek a casual voice
in the ministrations of many
a fresh air one,

the approach of a friend.

Dave Milgaard

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"Home is where we tie one end of the thread of life."

M. Buxbaum

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Smart is when you believe only half of what you hear. Brilliant is when you know which half to believe!!

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THANKS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I hope that you all have enjoyed this issue of the Tocsin as much as we enjoyed putting it together. Most of our articles come from the inside, which we're sure are of great interest to our readers, but we always appreciate articles from the outside. It keeps us more informed of your views, plus some can be added to our next Tocsin. Your contribution to this paper is as important as ours.

As the new chairman of J.H.S. Collins Bay Chapter, I hope to get more people from the outside involved. Without the support of you, we would not be! It is a great lift to our Chapter when there are more volunteers coming in and expressing their views, or just to hear what is happening with us. Our last six months have been good ones with Moe Lauzon as our previous Chairman. Moe is a super guy who gave his all to our group. He lengthened our guest list and had guest speakers in almost every week. We all miss him and thank him for a job well done.

We have many projects underway right now and they will be explained in more detail in your next issue of the Tocsin. (Which will be before Christmas) Our main goal is to reach the younger generation and hit them with the fact that this is NO place to spend their lives.

While I'm Chairman there will be more emphasis on helping each other. Our members are quite resourceful, so I'm sure that they should be able to accomplish a great deal without help, so when help does arrive from the outside it will be an added attraction. We do plan on working closer with J.H. Chapters throughout Ontario. We must thank the Kingston and Toronto branches for all their support. Also a special thanks to J.H.S. of Ontario. I could never thank all our volunteers, because I'd be afraid I'd miss one, but they know how much we appreciate their assistance, or just the thought of them being around to give us moral support. We have a special place in our hearts for ALL of you! Our group advisor, Ronnie Lauzon, talked about more family and friend involvement at our seminar and never was there spoken truer words. Let's get together and be one big happy family.

Thank you for supporting our Tocsin and we hope to have the chance in '83 to meet or correspond with each and every one of you. (We're not really as bad as some people say!) From our whole Chapter, I wish you health and happiness.

sincerely yours,



Nick Malham
Chairman J.H.S.
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GOOD READING MATERIAL

Barred From Prison - Claire Culhane . Pulp Press Book Publishers. 572 Beatty St.,
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 2L3

Women In Prison - Kathryn W. Burkhardt. Popluar Library (465 pages)

Love & Rage - Carl Harp (excellent material)

Feminist Resistance to Male Violence - Cleis Press, Box 8281 Minneapolis, MN. 55408

Instead of Prisons - Available from PREAP, 3049 E. Genesee St.,
Syracuse, N.Y. 13224

NEWSLETTERS

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(Anarchist Black Dragon) P.O. Box 520, Walla Walla, Wa. 99362 U.S.A.

Off Our Backs. 1841 Columbia Road, Washington, D.C. 20009

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Grand Jury Product. 853 Broadway Street. New York, N.Y. 10003

Emancipation. Box 840, Benjamine Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044 U.S.A.

Feminine Focus-Denise Sassoon. P.O. Box 6850, Capitol Station, Phoenix,
Arizona. 85005

HAPOTOC. P.O. Box 10638 EP Amsterdam, Holland. (great)

Madness Network News. 2150 Market Street. San Francisco, C.A. 94140

Oddessey Newsletter. Millhaven Institution, P.O. Box 280, Bath, Ontario
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The Collins Bay Chapter must absorb the costs of printing and postage, which have risen considerably since our last edition. Consequently, subscription fees are now \$12.00 per year. We need your support to make the Tocsin a functional project. We consider the Tocsin an integral part of our efforts to acknowledge interested individuals on various issues concerning all John Howard Society members and its' supporters.

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The Editor...

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